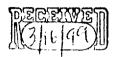


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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statement on Super Antioxidant Formula plus other beta-carotene, vitamin C, vitamin E and selenium supplements under the following brand names: American Health, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, Vitamin World:

Super Antioxidant Formula contains four antioxidant nutrients which help protect against the harmful effects of free radicals in the body.

Vitamin E is a fat-soluble antioxidant that protects cells from harmful free radicals.

Vitamin E helps stabilize cell membranes and regulates oxidation reactions in the body.

Vitamin C plays an important role in supporting immune function. As an antioxidant, Vitamin C helps neutralize harmful free radicals in cells.

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As a component of the antioxidant enzyme, glutathione peroxidase, selenium helps to protect cells from the harmful effects of free radicals.

Selenium spares Vitamin E, which in turn boosts the cell's antioxidant defense system.

As an integral part of the thyroid hormone, selenium assists in regulating the body's metabolic rate.

Selenium helps support the immune system.

Beta carotene helps protect the body against free radical formation which can cause damage to cells and tissues.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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